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Date Complaint Received:	5/19/14
Complaint Received By:	DHS
Provider Name and Location:	Linda Coplan, 955 18 th Street, Bettendorf, IA 52722

Complaint: Child Care Unit received complaint on Linda on 5/16/2014. Animal Control contacted CCA Unit stating that Linda's dog was quarantined on 5/16/2014 for biting a child under their right eye. Last week this same dog was picked up by Animal Control for biting a child in the lip. When Animal Control went to the home, Linda was not present and the kids were there with Linda's friend. Linda has no approved substitutes. Animal Control also indicated that when they took the dog back and tried to counsel Linda, a child came from the play room and informed Linda another child was playing with a knife. Linda reportedly did not get up and just yelled at the child to go back to the play room.

Rule Basis: Rule Basis: 441 Iowa Administrative Code, Chapter 110.5(1): Conditions in the home are safe, sanitary, and free of hazards. 110.5(9)a Gives careful supervision. 110.5(9)d: Is present at all times, except if emergencies occur or an absence is planned. If absence is planned, care is provided by a DHS-approved substitutes. If absence is planned, the parents are given at least 24 hours notice. 110.5(2)d: An individual file is maintained for each substitute and contains: A completed DHS Criminal History Record Check, form B, 595-1396, A completed Request for Child Abuse Information, form 470-0643, A physician's signed statement of health at the time of employment and at least every two years thereafter, Certification of two hours of approved training relating to identification and reporting of child abuse within 6 months of employment and repeated every 5 years. Certification in infant and child first-aid that includes mouth to mouth resuscitation. If they are unable to locate first aid training that includes mouth to mouth resuscitation, they must complete both a first aid course and CPR.

Findings: Becky Kalar and Kathy Huinker accompanied Linda Corbin to the home of Linda Coplan on 5/19/14 to address the recent complaint. Child did get bit by the dog in question and Animal Control was contacted. Animal Control has a quarantine on the dog for the next ten days. Dog was quarantined previously by Animal Control from 4/27/14-5/7/14 for biting another child the week before. Linda Corbin discussed risks of having pets around children and Linda Corbin recommended keeping pets away from kids period. Linda Coplan agreed with this.

Resolution: Linda signed a safety plan with Kathy and Becky stating that she agreed to: 1. Keep

my dogs away from my child care children during day care hours due to the dog/pet injuring a child or children. 2. I agree to no longer leave the day care children in the care of my substitute, until the substitute is officially approved by DHS. I will not leave children with anyone until Des Moines approves them. I will not allow anyone around my day care until appropriate background checks are done and they are approved by Des Moines".

If you have any questions regarding this matter feel free to contact me at 563-326-8215 or email address khuinke@dhs.state.ia.us.

Sincerely,

Kathy Huinker, SWII
Social Worker